carrying out certain additions/alterations as per the requirements of the Bank. As the Ian Ilord failed to do so, the Bank has not enhanced the rent. The Bank has de lied any malaflde intention in not enh ncing the rent.

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Enhancement *ot* pension

2168. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the PRIME I [INlSTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether G vernment have increased the pens on to the extent of a minimum of Rs. 375 p.m.;

(b) whether it I (a fact that the pensioners in variou States and Union Territories partic ilarly in West Bengal are ot getting this increased pension for a long tme; and

. (c) if so, what Me the reasons therefor and what steps are being taken by Government t. ensure that pensioners in all the ^tates/UTs including the West Bengal pensioners also get this enhanced amount of pension?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF P :RSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES Ar- D PENSIONS (SHRI BIREN SINGJI ENGTI): (a) to (c) Minimum pension has been raised to Rs. 375 per moi th with effect from 1-1-1986 in acco: dance with orders dated the 5th March, 1987. Instructions were issued t_0 all Pension Disbursing Authoriti s including those in West Bengal to erfsure payment of revised pensions b; June 30, 1987.

Liberalisation of refinance scheme by NiBARD

2169. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of FIN.ANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it Is a fact that Natio nal Bank for A riculture and Rural Development, un ler new Twenty point Economic irogramme has liberalised its refinance schemes for individual, partners tip concern and also for promotional i larketing support for setting up of Buffer godown for storage and marketing $_0$f agricultural inputs, fertilizers, pesticides, seeds, agricultural implements, purchases of delivery van etc. and enhance the refinance financial limit in view of the increase prices of various commodities during the last two years; if so, what ar$_e$ the details thereof;

(b) whether it is a fact that scheduled banks are not entertaining refinance requests under 'NABARD' refinance programme from individual partnership concern and other organisations and thus not providing loan application forms with the result that 'NABARD' non-farm activities programme is a total failures; and

(c) what other immediate steps 'NABARD' have taken or propose *to* take to simplify its non-farm activities and to make its financial assistance programme more attractive?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) National Bank for Agriculture ana Rural Development (NABARD) has reported that it provides refinance facility to banks for financing construction of storage godowns and market yards by State Warehousing Corporations, co* operative societies/marketing committees in rural areas. NABARD also provides refinance for industrial projects set up by individuals, partnership concerns, public/private limited companies upto a maximum limit of Rs. 5 lakhs by way of composite/integrated loans. Bank loans to promotional organisations such a$_s$ registered/ charitable institutions, quasi-govern-ment promotional agencies, for setting up of infrastructural facilities, including purchase of delivery vans/trucks, for supply of raw materials and for providing market and technology support are eligible for refinance. NABARD refinance is also available to commercial banks and regional rural banks for extending flnacial sup-[1] port to artisans and tiny entrepreneurs